

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 121-140 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 121 is currently amended.

II. The Amendment

Claim 121 is amended to insert two commas in order to make the claim easier to read. This claim has been amended in order to correct a minor typographical error.

III. Election of Species

Applicants are required to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants elect the following species:

- (1) in category A (recognition moiety), antigen: for example, biotin;
- (2) in category B (analyte), antibody: for example, goat anti-biotin antibody, and
- (3) in category C (patterned surface production method), microcontact printing.

The election of antigen in category A is readable upon claims 121 and 132-135. The election of antibody in category B is readable upon claim 121. The election of microcontact printing in category C is readable upon claim 124.

CONCLUSION

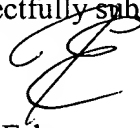
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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PATENT

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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